

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO THE CITY COUNCIL	DATE	NO.
FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	August 17, 1988	
SUBJECT: CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT REGARDING REPLACEMENT FENCE AT SOFTBALL COMPLEX		

PREPARED BY: Parks and Recreation Director.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve a 12-foot outfield fence and signing of the **softball** complex parking lot as a solution to damages incurred by cars parking in the complex parking lot. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended replacing existing outfield fence with a 12-foot fence to include a mowing strip, as well as to place appropriate signs in the entrances to the parking lot, notifying people of the potential danger from errant softballs.

Additionally, it is recommended that Public Works be directed to prepare appropriate plans and specs and put out to bid so that installation will be guaranteed by April 1, 1989.

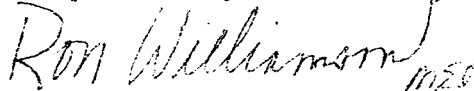
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On April 20, 1988, the Council rejected bids on the softball complex fence project and referred it back to the Parks and Recreation Commission for discussion and appropriate action, who in turn directed **Steve** Boomer as Adult Sports Supervisor to bring the matter before the Adult Sports Advisory Board for review and recommendation.

The Sports Advisory Board presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission at **their** June meeting the various alternatives for this project. The Commission deferred its decision upon inspection of the area and directed Parks and Recreation Director Williamson to find out more about legal liability and signing of the parking lot.

At the Commission's meeting in August various options were given the Commission, in addition to the City Attorney's findings on legal liability and signing of the parking lot. (See Exhibit A.)

The Commission, through a motion by David Reese, seconded by Elvera Melby, **unanimously** recommended the installation of a 12-foot high cyclone fence, mowing strip, brightly painted 20-foot high foul poles, and appropriate signing of the parking lot as their recommendation to City Council on this project.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald W. Williamson
Parks and Recreation Director

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

EXHIBIT "A"

TO: The Lodi Parks & Recreation Commission

DATE OF MEETING: August 2, 1988

FROM: The Director's Office

SUBJECT: Lodi Softball Complex Outfield Fence

** 12-foot fence and mowing strip approved 8/2/88**

TYPE ACTION NEEDED: Recommendation/Direction to Council

PREPARED BY: Ron Williamson

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Parks and Recreation Commission again review and decide what fencing should be installed at the softball complex. This action would likewise be directed to the City Council for their consideration.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION The fencing project at the Softball Complex was sent back to the Commission for reevaluation due to the fact that the Council did not like or accept the 16-foot high fence proposed for construction this past winter. As such, Staff then met with the Adult Sports Advisory Board and internally came up with a menu of possibilities for design, presenting same to the Commission in June. The Commission tabled the action and asked for time for additional review.

On Wednesday, July 20, the Commission met at the Complex and reviewed various possibilities. It was brought up that we will sign the park as directed by City Attorney Bob McNatt and recommended by Commissioner Bob Johnson, meaning installing "park at your own risk" signs at the entrance to the facility. Mr. McNatt feels this will assist the City in not being responsible for damages, etc.

The Commission was given the following possibilities:

1. 16-foot fence as originally proposed - \$11,000.00 est. cost
2. 12-foot fence, with mowing strip ONLY. (This is part of what Adult Sports Advisory Board recommended.) They additionally thought putting a 16-foot fence along the curb of the parking lot would cut the number of balls hit into the lot and that the 12-foot fence would improve the quality of the game. (Current 8-foot fence produces "cheap home runs", in their opinion, and takes away from the game.)
** Commissioners present somewhat liked this plan. It would tie in with fence design at Armory Park. \$35,000.00 est. cost
3. 12-foot outfield fence, mowing strip, and 16-foot curb fence (As mentioned above, this is the recommendation of the Adult Sports Advisory Board) \$50,000.00 est. cost
4. Retain 8-foot outfield fence as is, add mowing strip ONLY. \$30,000.00 est. cost
5. 8-foot outfield fence, mowing strip, and 16-foot curb fence \$45,000.00 est. cost